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| Date | 03/08/2011 |
| Please ask for | Ms L Richardson |
| Department | Housing Options |
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| E-Mail | Lisa.richardson@basildon.gov.uk |
| Ref | 3756 |

CC Davies Gore Lomax, Gratton Puxon, Susan Craig-Greene, Malcolm Tully.

Dear Mrs Sheridan

Following your homeless application to this authority on the 03/11/2009 I have now completed my homeless enquiries under the above mentioned Act and established that you are eligible for assistance, homeless, in priority need, not intentionally homeless and have a local connection within the Basildon District.

The Council now has a duty under Section 193 of the Act to provide you with temporary accommodation. In this respect, you will be contacted by our Allocation Team shortly. Should you give up this accommodation or be evicted, this authority's duty under the homelessness legislation will cease. This means that we would have no further duty to provide you with temporary accommodation.

However, if upon receiving your offer of temporary accommodation you feel that the property is unsuitable, you have the right to a review of this decision. If you would like a review, please write to the Review and Performance Officer at the above address within **21 days** of receiving this decision letter. The review will be undertaken by a panel of at least two Senior Housing Officers, who were not involved in the original decision.

I have contacted the relevant departments within Basildon Borough Council and this Authority is unable to offer you land or a plot on any traveller sites and can only offer bricks and mortar accommodation. I have however identified that The Gypsy and Traveller Services run by Essex County Council have a waiting list for plots on traveller sites throughout Essex. If you wish to receive an application form to be added to this list please telephone **01245 437694**.

Your application will now be placed on the Housing Register and a housing needs assessment will be carried out. Your banding will be determined in accordance with our current allocation policy which can be viewed on the Council's website : www.basildondistrict.com

As an applicant accepted under the homelessness legislation, you would not be able to choose your area within the district for permanent rehousing. You will only receive one offer of suitable permanent accommodation, in line with the policy. If you do not accept this offer and the suitability is upheld, our duty under the homelessness legislation will cease.

If you wish to seek independent advice regarding any aspect of this letter, the following may be of assistance:-